



Congressman John Yarmuth
FEDERAL GRANTS ALERT

March 2008

▪ **VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program**

Department of Veterans Affairs

These grants will fund community agencies providing services to homeless veterans. The purpose is to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or supportive services with the goal of helping homeless veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and/or income, and obtain greater self-determination. Only programs with supportive housing (up to 24 months) or service centers (offering services such as case management, education, crisis intervention, counseling, etc.) are eligible for these funds. The program has two levels of funding: the Grant Component and the Per Diem Component. Grants can be used for acquisition, renovation, or construction of a building that will provide services for homeless veterans. Grants can be considered capital funds. Per Diem is paid by VA to help organizations defray operational costs.

Eligible Applicants: State, county, city and township governments; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS

Deadline: April 9, 2008

Award Amount: Total funding \$25,000,000; 65 grant and 50 per diem awards expected

Contact: Ms. Chelsea Watson, VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, Department of Veterans Affairs, 10770 North 46th Street, Suite C-200, Tampa, Florida 33617; 1-877-332-0334

▪ **Farmers' Market Promotion Program**

Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

These funds will be used to increase domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Examples of direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities include new farmers' markets, roadside stands, community supported agriculture programs, and other direct producer-to-consumer infrastructures.

Eligible Applicants: Agricultural cooperatives, local governments, nonprofit corporations, public benefit corporations, economic development corporations, regional farmers' market authorities.

Deadline: March 24, 2008

Award Amount: \$75,000

Contact: Marketing Services Branch, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, Room 2646-South, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0269; Errol Bragg, Associate Deputy Administrator – 202-690-0031, USDAFMPP@usda.gov

■ **Summer Institute for European Student Leaders**

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State

This grant will fund a five-week Summer Institute for European Student Leaders. The Summer Institute for European Student Leaders will offer a group of twenty young Europeans from a broad range of ethnic, religious and socio-economic backgrounds the opportunity to learn about the United States and build leadership skills during a five-week program on an American campus. The goals of the Institute are to promote study and learning about the United States, leadership development, and civic engagement through academic coursework and participatory activities that will serve the participants in their academic and professional careers and to promote mutual understanding between the United States and their home countries.

Eligible Applicants: Public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS

Deadline: March 17, 2008

Award Amount: \$180,000

Contact: Carolina Chavez, Room 246, U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547; 202-453-8524, ChavezCC@state.gov

■ **Disability Rehabilitation Research Projects**

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education

This grant will fund research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities. While projects vary, all are aimed at fulfilling the overarching goals of inclusion, integration, employment, and self-sufficiency for people with disabilities. Projects may support research relating to the development of methods, procedures, and devices to assist in the provision of rehabilitation services, particularly to persons with severe disabilities. Grants are awarded in the following areas:

- Vocational Rehabilitation Service Models for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Research and Knowledge Translation Center for Individuals with Disabilities and Their Families
- Center on Knowledge Translation for Technology Transfer
- Technology Access in Resource-Limited Environments

- Classification and Measurement of Medical Rehabilitation Interventions
- Health and Health Care Disparities Among Individuals with Disabilities
- Health Care Coordination for Individuals with Physical Disabilities
- Asset Accumulation and Economic Self-Sufficiency for Individuals with Disabilities

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, other organizations and/or agencies.

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Award Amount: \$300,000 - \$1 million

Contact: Donna Nangle, Program Manager, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 6029, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202, (202) 245-7462, Donnna.Nangle@ed.gov.

▪ **International Research and Studies Program**

U.S. Department of Education

These funds will be used to conduct research and studies to improve and strengthen instruction in modern foreign languages, area studies, and other international fields. Priorities include the development of specialized instructional materials and assessment tools and the expansion or consolidation of existing web-based databases and materials.

Eligible Applicants: State, county, city or township governments; public or private agencies, including for-profit agencies; public or private organizations, including for-profit organizations; institutions of higher education; independent and special school districts; public housing authorities; Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Deadline: April 7, 2008

Award Amount: 14 awards totaling \$1,642,000

Contact: Ed McDermott, International Education, Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW, Suite 6082, Washington, DC 20006-8521; 202-502-7636; ed.mcdermott@ed.gov.

▪ **Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center**

U.S. Department of Education

These funds will be used to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, by conducting advanced engineering research and development on innovative technologies that are designed to solve particular rehabilitation problems, or remove environmental barriers. RERCs also demonstrate and evaluate such technologies, facilitate service delivery system changes, stimulate the production and distribution of new technologies and equipment in the private sector, and provide training opportunities. Grants will be awarded in the following areas:

- Hearing Enhancement
- Accessible Public Transportation
- Universal Interface and Information Technology Access
- Communication Enhancement

- Wheeled Mobility
- Prosthetics and Orthotics

Eligible Applicants: State, county, city or township governments; public or private agencies, including for-profit agencies; public or private organizations, including for-profit organizations; institutions of higher education; independent and special school districts; public housing authorities; Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Award Amount: Up to \$950,000

Contact: U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, room 6029, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202; Julius Cotton – 202-245-6140, julius.cotton@ed.gov; Donna Nangle, Program Manager – 202-245-7462, Donnna.Nangle@ed.gov

▪ **Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers**

U.S. Department of Education

These funds will be used to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, through advanced research, training, technical assistance, and dissemination activities in general problem areas. Such activities are designed to benefit rehabilitation service providers, individuals with disabilities, and the family members or other authorized representatives of individuals with disabilities.

Eligible Applicants: State, county, city or township governments; public or private agencies, including for-profit agencies; public or private organizations, including for-profit organizations; institutions of higher education; independent and special school districts; public housing authorities; Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Award Amount: Up to \$850,000

Contact: U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, room 6029, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202; Julius Cotton – 202-245-6140, julius.cotton@ed.gov; Donna Nangle, Program Manager – 202-245-7462, Donnna.Nangle@ed.gov

▪ **Small Grants to Libraries**

Division of Public Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities

These funds will be used to bring traveling exhibitions and other types of public programming to libraries across the country. Programs include:

- **John Adams Unbound** - a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the Boston Public Library, and the American Library Association (ALA).
- **Pride and Passion: The African American Baseball Experience** - a collaboration between the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Library Association (ALA), and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofits

Deadline: April 4, 2008

Award Amount: \$2,500

Contact: Division of Public Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities, Room 426, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506, 202-606-8269, PublicPgms@neh.gov

■ **Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants**

Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Endowment for the Humanities

This grant will fund innovative projects that have the potential to make a positive impact on the humanities. Proposals should be for the planning or initial stages of digital initiatives in any area of the humanities. Grants may involve: research that brings new approaches or documents best practices in the study of the digital humanities; planning and prototyping new digital tools for preserving, analyzing, and making accessible digital resources, including libraries' and museums' digital assets; scholarship that examines the philosophical implications and impact of the use of emerging technologies; innovative uses of technology for public programming and education utilizing both traditional and/or new media; and new digital modes of publication facilitating the dissemination of humanities scholarship in advanced academic, as well as informal or formal educational settings at all academic levels.

Eligible Applicants: Public, private and State controlled institutions of higher education; state, county, city or township governments; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS; Individuals

Deadline: April 2, 2008

Award Amount: Up to \$50,000

Contact: NEH, Office of Public Affairs, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506; dhi@neh.gov

■ **Challenge Grants**

National Endowment for the Humanities

This grant will fund long-term improvements in and support for humanities programs and resources. Awards are made to museums, public libraries, colleges, research institutions, historical societies and historic sites, public television and radio stations, universities, scholarly associations, state humanities councils, and other nonprofit entities. Because of the matching requirements, these NEH awards also strengthen the humanities by encouraging nonfederal sources of support. Activities supported Challenge grants most commonly augment or establish endowments that support humanities activities in education, public programming, scholarly research, and preservation, including ongoing humanities-related costs.

Eligible Applicants: Public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS; federally recognized Native American

tribal governments

Deadline: May 1, 2008

Award Amount: \$1,000,000

Contact: Office of Challenge Grants, National Endowment for the Humanities, Room 420, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506; 202-606-8309; challenge@neh.gov

- **Challenge America Fast-Track Review Grants**

National Endowment for the Arts

These funds will be used to support small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development.

Eligible Applicants: State governments, county governments, city or township governments, independent school districts, public, state controlled and private institutions of higher education, nonprofits, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized).

Deadline: June 2, 2008

Award Amount: \$10,000

Contact: fasttrack@arts.gov, 202/682-5700

- **Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth**

National Endowment for the Arts

This grant will fund projects that help children and youth acquire knowledge and understanding of and skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art. All projects must include: Experience - Students and their teachers will have the chance to experience exemplary works of art, in live form where possible; Study - Through the guidance of teachers, teaching artists, and cultural organizations, students will study works of art in order to understand the cultural and social context from which they come, and to appreciate the technical and/or aesthetic qualities of each work; Performance - Informed by their experience and study, students will create artwork; Assessment - Students will be assessed according to national or state arts education standards. Projects may be school-based or community-based.

Eligible Applicants: State governments, county governments, city or township governments, independent school districts, public, state controlled and private institutions of higher education, nonprofits, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized).

Deadline: June 9, 2008

Award Amount: \$5,000 - \$100,000

Contact: Dance, music or opera: brandenburg@arts.gov or 202/682-5044; Literature, media arts, musical theater, theater: daughern@arts.gov or 202/682-5521

▪ **Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant**

Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture

This combination loan-grant and loan program will be used to provide access to education, training and health care resources for people in rural America through the use of telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents. Grants may be used to fund telecommunications-enabled information, audio and video equipment and related advanced technologies which extend educational and medical applications into rural locations. These projects will primarily benefit end users who are not at the same location as the source of the education or health care service.

Eligible Applicants: An incorporated organization or partnership, a state or local unit of government, a consortium, or other legal entity, including a private corporation organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis.

Deadline: April 14, 2008

Award Amount: Total funding of \$29,790,000 to be provided in a range of amounts in the form of loan and grants

Contact: Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program, Rural Development Utilities Programs, United States Department of Agriculture, telephone: (202) 720-0413, fax: (202) 720-1051, dltinfo@usda.gov.

▪ **Assets for Independence Demonstration Program**

Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

These funds will be used to provide an array of supports and services to enable low-income individuals and families to become economically self-sufficient for the long-term. Project participants are given access to special matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDA), in which participants save earned income for the purchase of a home, for business capitalization, or to attend higher education or training.

Eligible Applicants: City or township governments; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS; public housing authorities; public, state and private institutions of higher education; independent and special school districts; county and state governments

Deadline: March 25, 2008

Award Amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Contact: Daphne Weeden, Administration of Children and Families, Office of Grants Management, Division of Discretionary Grants, 310 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, 6th Floor East, Aerospace Building, Washington, DC 20447; 800-281-9519; ocsgrants@acf.hhs.gov

▪ **Abandoned Infants Assistance**

Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

These funds will be used to prevent the abandonment in hospitals of infants and young children, particularly those who have been perinatally exposed to a dangerous drug, those with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), or those who have a life-threatening illness or other special medical need. The grant will provide comprehensive support services for families affected by substance abuse and/or HIV/AIDS, including: (1) developing and implementing programs of comprehensive community-based support services for the target population; (2) evaluating the implementation and outcomes of these comprehensive support services; and (3) developing these programs as identifiable sites that other states/locales seeking to implement comprehensive support services for this population can look to for guidance, insight, and possible replication.

Eligible Applicants: State, county, city or township governments; public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits with or without a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS

Deadline: May 27, 2008

Award Amount: Up to \$475,000, 9 awards expected

Contact: ACYF Operations Center, c/o The Dixon Group, Inc., ATTN: Children's Bureau, 118 Q ST., NE., Washington, DC 20002-2132; Patricia Campiglia – 866-796-1591, patricia.campiglia@acf.hhs.gov

▪ **Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Award Solicitation**

Federal Emergency Management Agency, U. S. Department of Homeland Security

These grants provide financial assistance to fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations to enhance their capabilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The AFG funds are used by the nation's firefighters to increase the effectiveness of firefighting and emergency response operations and to improve firefighter health and safety programs. AFG seeks to support organizations that lack the tools and resources necessary to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and their emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards.

Eligible Applicants: The AFG Program will provide grants on a competitive basis to rural, urban and suburban fire departments throughout the United States. In addition, the AFG allows non-affiliated Emergency Medical Service organizations to apply for grants.

Deadline: April 4, 2008

Award Amount: Total funding: \$560 million; many awards

Contact: U.S. Fire Administration, Room I-207, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727-8998; Chris Rizzuto: 202-786-9450; Andrew White: 202-786-9452; Michael Cappannari: 202-447-5457

- **National Community-Based Lead Outreach and Training Grant**
Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

These funds will be used to reduce incidences of childhood lead poisoning in low-income communities with older housing. Potential activities include outreach, training, ordinance development, and other activities that would result in reduction of childhood lead poisoning. This grant will support the partnership of national organizations with community-based organizations and local governments to improve the environmental health of a community regarding lead poisoning prevention.

Eligible Applicants: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS; county governments; city or township governments

Deadline: March 31, 2008

Award Amount: Up to \$250,000, 6-8 awards expected

Contact: Darlene Watford, Phone: 202-566-0516, Fax: 202-566-0469, watford.darlene@epa.gov

- **Consequences of Global Change for Water Quality**
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

This grant will fund research into the consequences of climate change for U.S. water quality to support human and aquatic life uses. The goal of this solicitation is to assemble modeling systems capable of capturing important linkages between regional climate drivers and terrestrial hydrologic systems, and apply these modeling systems to improve the overall understanding of the sensitivity of key water quality or aquatic ecosystem management targets to the types of climate changes anticipated over the next several decades. In addition to regular awards, this solicitation includes awards for applicants in the early stages of their careers.

Eligible Applicants: Public nonprofit institutions/organizations; private nonprofit institutions/organizations; public and private institutions of higher education and hospitals; state and local governments.

Deadline: May 8, 2008

Award Amount: Up to \$800,000; 5 awards and 2 early career awards expected

Contact: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Peer Review Division (8725F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; William Stelz – 202-343-9802, stelz.william@epa.gov

- **Strategies and Tools for Archives and Historical Publishing Projects**
National Archives and Records Administration

This grant will be used to promote the preservation and use of America's documentary heritage. Projects will develop new strategies and tools that can improve the preservation, public discovery, or use of historical records. Projects may also focus on techniques and

tools that will improve the professional performance and effectiveness of those who work with such records, such as archivists, documentary editors, and records managers.

Eligible Applicants: State, county, city or township governments; public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS; individuals

Deadline: June 2, 2008

Award Amount: \$150,000

Contact: National Historical Publications and Records Commission, National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 106, Washington, DC 20408-0001; David Davis, Grants Workflow and Information Coordinator – 202-357-5022, david.davis@nara.gov

- **Electronic Records Projects**

National Archives and Records Administration

This grant will support projects that will lead to sustainable electronic records archives that preserve digital records with enduring historical value. Projects will develop institutional capacity through program evaluation and planning, create institutional capacity with program start-up support, expand the scope of existing programs, or develop electronic records service providers that can offer reliable preservation services to archives. Categories include: Program Planning Projects; Program Start-Up Projects; Program Expansion Projects; and Service Providers Projects.

Eligible Applicants: State, county, city or township governments; public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.

Deadline: June 2, 2008

Award Amount: \$50,000 – \$400,000

Contact: National Historical Publications and Records Commission, National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 106, Washington, DC 20408-0001; David Davis, Grants Workflow and Information Coordinator – 202-357-5022, david.davis@nara.gov

- **Digitizing Historical Records**

National Archives and Records Administration

This grant will fund cost-effective methods to digitize nationally-significant historical record collections and make the digital versions freely available on the Internet. Project must make use of existing holdings of historical repositories and be made up of entire collections or series.

Eligible Applicants: State, county, city or township governments; public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.

Deadline: June 2, 2008

Award Amount: \$150,000

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▪ **Professional Development Grants for Archives and Historical Publishing**

National Archives and Records Administration

These funds will be used to improve the training and education of professionals in the archival and historical publishing communities. Projects can be for professional education curriculum development, for basic and advanced institutes, or research seminars. Surveys, focus groups, and other activities to understand these professions and their educational and training needs are also eligible.

Eligible Applicants: State, county, city or township governments; public, private and state controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.

Deadline: June 2, 2008

Award Amount: Up to \$100,000

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